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Reviewed by Ruth Parnell

DARWIN'S MISTAKE

by Dr Hans J. Zillmer

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In *Darwin's Mistake*, Dr Hans Zillmer, a German engineer who has been investigating contentious scientific knowledge for over 30 years and participated in many excavations, presents anomalous evidence that would seem to overturn Lyell's uniformitarianism principles and Darwin's theory of evolution. But he goes further and suggests what could only be heresy to anyone other than a Creationist: that the Earth's crust is much, much younger than we think: in the region of tens of thousands of years, if that, rather than hundreds of millions of years! In other words, apart from evolution being a myth and catastrophism being the rule, our geological dating system is completely out of whack. Yet he accepts that the Earth's interior is truly ancient!

One of Dr Zillmer's claims is that because footprints of three-toed dinosaurs, higher-order mammals and very tall humans have been found in the same rock strata in and around the Paluxy River near Glen Rose in Texas, USA, this is compelling evidence for the coexistence of these species. But rather than conclude that man is as old as the

dinosaurs, Zillmer proposes that dinosaurs did not die out 64 million years ago but lived until quite recently—at least the three-toed ones did, otherwise those footprints would have long ago eroded away.

Dr Zillmer presents other anomalous finds, discusses catastrophic events such as meteorite impacts and a Great Flood, and considers the possibility of creation by outside influences. But it's easier to accept that Darwin was wrong than Zillmer's contention that the crust is so young. Readers will have to work out the logic for themselves!

THE AFTERLIFE EXPERIMENTS

by Gary E. Schwartz, PhD with William L. Simon

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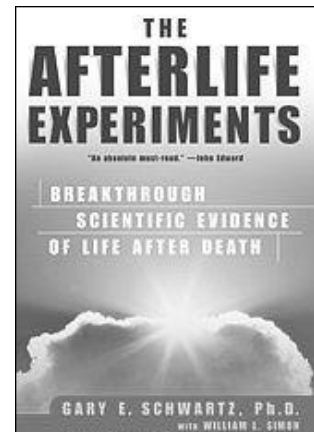
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The answer to the timeless question, "Is there life after death?", may be a little closer with the release of this book. It's actually the follow-up to a video documentary, also called *The Afterlife Experiments*, which was first screened on US cable TV in 1999. The book is as much a record of the personal journey of an initially sceptical scientist who changed his views—Dr Gary Schwartz, a professor of psychology, medicine, neurology, psychiatry and surgery—as it is a revelation of the reality of the afterlife.

At his Arizona lab Dr Schwartz, with the assistance of his research partner Dr Linda Russek, set up what was to be a three-year research project with a series of controlled experiments involving some of America's

most "tried and tested" mediums, including George Anderson, John Edward and Suzanne Northrup. Some very moving exchanges between "sitters" and their close relatives via these mediums are reproduced here. The research team was very careful to ensure that hoaxing was impossible. The sitters were masked from view, and the mediums were given no details or clues about the sitters but came up with details which were later confirmed to be accurate and predictions which eventually were fulfilled.

While Dr Schwartz applied strict scientific protocols and analysed the statistical probabilities, he arrived at the unexpected conclusions that soul science and the love-health connection cannot be divorced from the equation. Most of the contact experiments were attempts by ordinary people, the sitters, to contact their departed loved ones. This led him to deduce that the soul/love connection is an energetic bond that does indeed survive beyond death. Quite a change of heart and mind for a sceptical scientist.





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EMISSARY OF LOVE

by James Twyman

Hampton Roads, USA, 2002

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Neale Donald Walsch (*Conversations with God*), in the introduction to this book, questions whether author James Twyman has made it all up, whether it is just a figment of the imagination of a "master storyteller". And I, too, have to wonder, but ask if this really matters when the message serves as a powerful reminder for us to return to the core of ourselves.

Twyman is a New Age "peace troubador" of sorts, who in the last eight years has "ministered" and performed in many troubled places of the world. He's the author of *Emissary of Light*, about his travels through the Bosnian mountains where he claims he learned the secrets of an ancient society of spiritual masters. The event that sparked him on this pilgrimage came in late January 2001 when he was contacted psychically by a 10-year-old Bulgarian boy who transmitted "the Gift" to him and compelled Twyman to travel to Bulgaria in search of a group of psychically talented children, "the Children of Oz". He found them in an isolated monastery, or so he writes. (If he'd used "the Gift", he'd have avoided the attentions of Bulgarian government agents along the way—but much intrigue as well!)

The question in common that these children all ask us is: what if you acted as if you were an Emissary of Love? Well, it

means asking whether we're ready to act as if we're loved by God, and what would happen if we really did believe this to be true. These are simple but profound insights, and they also show how love and imagination can change the world. Twyman's is also a cautionary tale about the dangers of ego and pride, but it also speaks truth through all the dichotomies presented, such as the case of the mysterious young Tibetan Tulku.

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE CHRIST MYTH

by Mark Amaru Pinkham

Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, 2002

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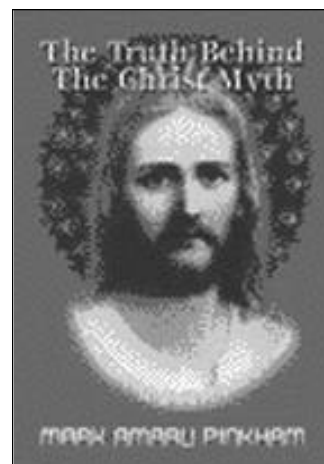
The peacock is not only a spectacularly beautiful bird; it also has ancient symbolic connotations. According to Mark Amaru Pinkham (author of *The Return of the Serpents of Wisdom*; see 4/05), the Jesus Christ story has all the elements of a much earlier Son of God myth from India: the legend of Murrugan, the Peacock Angel, who was worshipped in many faiths in Asia and Asia Minor as "the King of the World". The ancient British goddess Murruga is believed to be a female counterpart.

Interestingly, the Catholic Church includes the peacock among its official symbols, and Pinkham contends that St Paul's influence was responsible for this. Before his famous vision and "conversion", St Paul was a follower of the Persian Mithras tradition which

emerged around 600 BC; indeed, he was born into it as a native of Tarsus—the home of Mithra worship in Asia Minor. St Paul was an exponent of dualism—an idea Pinkham says was borrowed from the Persian religion—and may have been at least an honorary Magi priest.

The Mithras idea, says Pinkham, was an evolution of the Murrugan concept of Indian tradition. But not only that, certain Mithraic ideas were taken up by the Jews during their exile in Babylonia, thus Judaism became a relative of Mithraism. Even the Essenes were influenced by this philosophy: while they were awaiting the anticipated incarnation of the Archangel Michael, so the saviour of Mithraism, Ahura Mazda, was expected to incarnate physically as Mithras. The legendary Magi who searched for the newborn Christ apparently believed that Jesus was a reincarnation of Mithras.

All this and more is covered in this surprising alternative view of ancient religions.



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BLAST IT! How to Eliminate Diseases, Disorders and Other Pesky Troubles

KeelyNet, 2001 (Third Edition)

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This is a must-have handbook for Rife therapy practitioners and energy healers (though, weighing in at 5 lb [2.3 kg], it's not exactly something you can even lift in one hand!). *Blast It!* is the third, more user-friendly edition of material originally compiled by John Crane for the 1,000-page *Polarity Research Manual*, which covered Dr Royal R. Rife's life's work spanning 60 years. Crane was Dr Rife's associate for 21 of those years. For readers unfamiliar with the name, Rife was the celebrated and persecuted doctor who developed his Universal super-microscope in the 1930s and successfully used his resonant frequency ray beam to blast the micro-organisms he saw as responsible for cancer (see article, 9/02).

In this compilation there's a wealth of up-to-date technical research data on energy applications for eliminating a variety of health disorders and diseases and helping the body recover. The first part looks at the "electronic antibiotic system" and how to use it; it includes notes on polarity and the meridian systems and on using the frequency chart as well as pads and electrodes. Part two explores the research into several Rife technologies, with reference to an understanding of magnetism, colour frequency, cosmic energy, nutrition and other basics; it also sets down the protocols for preparing the patient for therapy. Specific disorders

and diseases, and how to treat them, are highlighted in part three, while the electronics of the Rife equipment are discussed in part four. The edition wouldn't be complete without some background on the inventor; part five covers Rife's history from 1920 to 1950 and, from there, his partnership with John Crane. There's an extensive bibliography and index to top off this ultimate manual for energy-frequency workers.

TRIUMPH OVER CANCER

by Agi Lidle

A Better Life Publications, AZ, USA, 2001

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In 1997, at the age of 38, Agi Lidle was diagnosed with breast cancer and was about to go through the usually prescribed route of mastectomy and chemotherapy, but instead decided to embark on a rigorous healing journey that would see her free of that cancer and other undiagnosed tumours within six months. Nearly five years later she is still free of the disease, is a picture of vibrant good health, and is dedicated to spreading her life-enhancing message.

Agi's powerful natural healing regime included changing her bad eating habits and eating live foods—mostly fresh, raw, organic fruits and vegetables, juices and broths—as well as healthy oils, nuts and seeds in order to detoxify her system. A stint at the CedarBrook natural health clinic in northern California provided a suitable setting for jump-starting her healing regime, which also

included the Incurables Program developed by Dr Richard Schulze and the Mucusless Diet created by herbalist Dr John Christopher. Crucially, back at home Agi had the love and support of her husband and friends, who helped her through the rigorous processes including the "cold sheet treatment" to stimulate her immune system.

Agi has since gone on to become a certified herbalist through the School of Natural Healing, and now teaches natural health principles through her "Fresh Start Program". In her book, she provides practical information on cleansing routines, nourishing diets, herbal concoctions including the Native American black salve (an anti-cancer compound), as well as on what to avoid. The final section is her own "Lidle Café Cookbook" of nutritious recipes.

It takes time, courage and willpower to follow Agi's approach. But because every cancer case is different, her advice should be weighed up alongside medical opinion.





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CELLULAR TELEPHONE RUSSIAN ROULETTE

by Robert C. Kane

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USA—Council on Wireless Technology

Impacts, tel (415) 892 1863, website

<http://www.energyfields.org/resources.html>

There is a large body of scientific evidence that has built up since the 1950s on the health effects of exposure to EM fields and radiofrequency radiation. But you wouldn't know it from the way new research is reported and discussed, says industry expert Robert Kane in his eye-opening book.

In the case of cellular telephones in particular, the usual practice is for a new study to be reported as something that should be further investigated, and for industry to "treat each such study as if it were isolated in the scientific universe" and then have its PR minions to dismiss the findings or arrange for them to be buried. But there are hundreds of studies with alarming findings of EMR/ RF exposure effects—such as DNA and chromosome damage, tissue damage, cataract and tumour formation, memory loss and motor skills degradation—and Kane refers to a substantial number of them here. There is so much evidence that it beggars belief that the telecommunications industry can be so gung-ho about promoting products so hostile to the human biological system.

Kane divides his book into chapters dealing with the foundations of radiation research, "hot spot" radiation absorption in the body, biological effects of RF energy, the smokescreen over emissions safety standards, and the "good, bad and ugly" of research labs. He also looks at how the public has been deceived by standards-setting, radiation-protection and health authorities as well as the industry/PR/media machine.

Think again before you make that next mobile phone call! (And read Don Maisch's article in Science News this issue.)

NETHERWORLD

by Robert Temple

Century, UK, 2002

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House; **Europe—**NEXUS Office

Divination and prophecy have always been part of humanity's relationship with the universe, but in these "rational" times they have been relegated to fringe or lunatic status, their important role in the history of cultures underplayed or ignored, as Robert Temple so eloquently explains with reference to the classical Greek and Roman traditions and contrasting Chinese systems.

Temple (*The Sirius Mystery* and *The Crystal Sun*; 5/04, 7/06), sets the scene in *Netherworld* with his own descent into the Oracle of the Dead, a little-explored pre-Roman complex at Baia in southern Italy, its tunnels and chambers all still intact. It was used for demonstrating aspects of ancient mysteries concerning fate and the afterlife and for contacting the spirits of the dead. Temple's foray, in the company of Michael

Baigent (*The Holy Blood and The Holy Grail* co-author), was brave indeed (as the colour photos attest). This replica of Hades had smaller counterparts in other parts of the classical world, where various mysteries associated with the Greek oracles, particularly at Delphi and Cuma, were "stage-managed" for seekers of divine truth. Prophecy became institutionalised, and important decisions would be made according to the oracle's reading of signs and portents. But the leading form of divination for thousands of years was extispicy: divination by entrails! Temple devotes a chapter to this curiosity, which is still practised today.

The focus in part two is on the Chinese traditions of bone oracles and the *I Ching* (Book of Changes). Temple suggests modern science is just starting to appreciate the higher-order mathematical structure and geometric framework which are implicit in the *I Ching* and make it such an interesting system for our times. A fascinating insight into the prophetic underside of history and notions of fate, fortune and probability.



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PLAGUE, PESTILENCE AND THE PURSUIT OF POWER

by Steven Ransom

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Last issue we ran an extract from Steven Ransom's book, but it didn't cover his key argument: that many outbreaks of "highly infectious" or "deadly" human and animal diseases are "politically manufactured" epidemics or "psycho plagues", deliberately imposed by Big Business and/or Big Government with help from the Big Media.

One obvious case is the 2001 foot and mouth disease (FMD) "outbreak" in the UK—a disease which affected animals can recover from if given enough time. Ransom points out many of the inconsistencies and deceptions concerning official diagnosis, science, testing, media statements and methods of dealing with FMD and the farmers—so many that he concludes there were other, more subversive agendas afoot. Such as to force Britain to conform to the EU's agricultural plan by breaking up small-holder live-stock farming. And to swell the coffers of the pharmaceutical drug companies who are never short of a "disease" requiring a drug or a vaccine to treat something that very likely has an environmental cause.

Ransom has a small chapter on vaccination, which is increasingly seen as the preferred medical intervention to control these supposed "killer" epidemics. He exposes the flaws in the science and its logic, and urges us to return to basics and common sense. Some of the other "epidemics" and "antidotes" he covers are swine flu, BSE (and its link to organophosphate pesticides),

Hong Kong chicken flu, TB and measles.

He also slams the government/corporate biotech push to grow GE crops in the UK for its denial of public concerns over safety.

It's chilling to know how far governments, corporations and the media will go to suppress human and animal rights—as well as the truth—for the sake of power and profit.

HEALTH WARS

by Phillip Day

Credence Publications, UK, 2001

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Around 90–95% of all the diseases and health problems killing people in the industrialised world tend to be metabolic, toxin- or healthcare-related, says UK-based health researcher/journalist Phillip Day, so solve those problems and you solve most of what could kill us prematurely. The top two killers are cancer and heart disease, while the third is the system itself, which is responsible for hundreds of thousands dying every year due to incorrectly prescribed pharmaceuticals or their side-effects, hospital infections, botched medical procedures, lack of care and so on. But the system also plays a part in today's epidemic of metabolic and toxic diseases, for it has a vested interest in promoting poor dietary choices and denying the problems caused by all-pervasive toxins in the environment and our food.

"The system", as Day defines it, includes vested interests at corporate and government level that sanction harmful modes of treatment and questionable health choices for the sake of profit and power, as well as in the media, where editors and publishers regularly block publication of life-saving health information if it's perceived to conflict with establishment views or advertisers.

In *Health Wars*, Day exposes many shockers that our readers would be familiar with, including the dangers of vaccines, aspartame products, fluoride, animal antibiotics, genetic engineering and environmental toxins as well as pharmaceutical drugs that can cause the very diseases they are supposed to prevent. He reminds us that *we* are part of the *solution* to these problems with the choices we make. Reducing our exposure to toxins, eating organic foods and applying correct food-combining principles are some of the changes we can make if we want to take control of our own health and power.

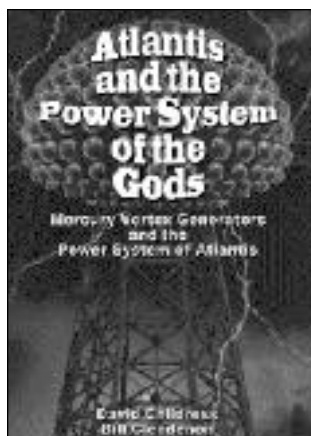


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ATLANTIS AND THE POWER SYSTEM OF THE GODS

by David Hatcher Childress and Bill Clendenon

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This is a two-books-in-one release. The first part is a reprint of most of the veteran UFO researcher Bill Clendenon's decade-old book, *Mercury: UFO Messenger of the Gods*. Clendenon spent 40-odd years investigating the UFO phenomenon and even had his own sighting. He was an ardent lobbyist for full disclosure by the government.

Clendenon contacted David Childress shortly after his own book on ancient Indian *vimana* aircraft came out in 1991, to compare notes on possible UFO propulsion systems. He had decoded specifications for mercury vortex engines described in the Indian *Vimanika Shastra* texts, and applied these to explain how craft like the one photographed by George Adamski in 1952 might propel themselves through space. Clendenon died in the mid-1990s, and so for this edition Childress has added his own commentary on their overlapping research into principles of counter-rotating plasma vortices and mercury drives.

In the second part of the book, Childress examines Dr Nikola Tesla's power broadcast towers in light of evidence for the use of "crystal power towers" in long-lost civilisations on the African and American continents and elsewhere. But how reliable, really, are the readings of famous psychic Edgar Cayce, who insisted not only that the lost city of Atlantis existed but it had giant towers for broadcasting power—perhaps energised by what he called the "Terrible

Crystal"? Childress argues that the erection of obelisks and the housing of alleged harmonic resonators above the King's Chamber in the Great Pyramid suggest the ancient Egyptians had a special understanding of energy dynamics and power generation—and a natural successor in Tesla.

An energetic mix of lost, secret and future sci/tech, packed with diagrams and pics.

WATT'S THE BUZZ?

by Lyn McLean

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If you're at all confused about electromagnetic radiation (EMR) and its effects on health, then Lyn McLean's *Watt's the Buzz?* is a practical primer for guiding the layperson through this highly technical field.

McLean has been researching the subject since 1996 when, as director of Sutherland Shire Environment Centre in Sydney, she inherited the EMR role by default. Her mission took on added impetus when she became ill due to massive EMR exposure, forcing her to make major changes in her life. Since then, she's been publishing a newsletter and maintaining a lobby group and website (<http://ssec.org.au/emraa>).

In her book, she sets the tone with some disturbing EMR exposure stories involving real people. Next she explains energy basics for beginners and describes the workings of the power and telecommunications networks, including how mobile phones and phone tower antennas work.

Then it's on to the "Great Health Debate". Within the text she refers to scientific and medical studies from around the world that offer sufficient evidence for us to adopt a precautionary approach to emissions. So McLean includes pointers on how we can reduce EMR exposure at home, at work and in the built environment. She also looks at designing, building and wiring houses and offices for minimal adverse impact.

McLean has included an extensive appendix that lists relevant published papers (cross-referenced to chapters) under headings such as brain tumours, leukaemia, breast cancer, heart problems, birth defects, nervous and endocrine system changes, sleep disorders and genetic effects. The resources list is far too slim, considering the number of researchers, doctors and groups active in Australia and overseas. Still, this is a down-to-earth book that gets the word out about EMR hazard prevention.

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DISCLOSURE

by Steven M. Greer, MD

Crossing Point, Inc., USA, 2001

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It's hard to ignore so many credible witnesses attesting to the reality of UFOs and extraterrestrials at great personal risk. Dr Steven Greer, who heads The Disclosure Project, dedicated to lobbying governments and their agencies to come clean on what they know, has edited down his vast selection of documentation and testimony to just under 600 pages for the *Disclosure* book. It's designed to complement the video and Briefing Document CD-ROM (see 9/01).

Section I gives an overview of "The Big Picture" and its implications, and considers how and why secrecy over UFOs and highly classified technology is maintained by our governments—particularly in the United States, where billions of dollars are diverted to and hidden in "black budget" projects.

The second section focuses on testimony from military and civilian air traffic controllers and pilots who have tracked craft moving at thousands of miles per hour. Next, there are statements from Strategic Air Command and nuclear energy/weapons officials on UFO events around nuclear sites that seem to suggest ETs are interested in, if not concerned about, nuclear weapons arsenals and the weaponisation of space.

Section IV features government and "deep" agency and military insiders, some of whom claim they were involved in retrievals of crashed UFOs and their occupants, have witnessed the downing of an alien craft or have had close contact with a living EBE. There's testimony revealing a secret agenda

behind the Strategic Defense Initiative, and in section five a number of scientists discuss antigravity and non-polluting new energy technologies that are already operational yet deliberately kept from the public.

A landmark book and a courageous project that one day may force the disclosure issue.

HOW THE SUN GOD REACHED AMERICA c. 2500 BC

by Dr Reinoud M. de Jonge and Jay Stuart Wakefield

MCS Inc., USA, 2002

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Authors Reinoud de Jonge, a Dutch physical chemist, and Jay Wakefield, an American biologist, share a passion for megalithic culture and ancient seafaring history. For this collaboration, four years in the making, they visited and/or analysed over a dozen archaeological sites in Europe and North America containing megalithic stones bearing inscriptions, purposefully positioned menhirs and astronomically aligned shafts, mounds and circles.

The authors are convinced that many of the inscriptions, or petroglyphs, are geographic maps showing discoveries of islands and continents across the oceans, as well as being navigational charts with information about latitude and longitude, sailing directions, currents and winds. The earliest of these, found near the Mediterranean between southern Italy and Gibraltar, are dated to the beginning of Neolithic times, c. 6000 BC.

Applying the "de Jonge rules of decipherment", they deduce that it took about 4,000 years for the world to be explored and charted. The discovery of the Cape Verde islands they see recorded in the tumulus of Kercado in Brittany, circa 4500 BC; of Madeira, on a tablet in Galicia, c. 4100 BC; and of Iceland and Greenland, in petroglyphs at a cairn in Loughcrew, Ireland, c. 3200 BC.

They believe the discovery of America and Australia is shown in a map at Dissignac, Brittany, c. 2600 BC; and that America is part of the Stonehenge code, c. 2000 BC (and even had its own Stonehenge nautical centre in North Salem, c. 2200 BC). The most recent petroglyph, inscribed in a tablet on Long Island and dated to 850 BC, shows an Egyptian expedition to America.

These astounding decodings may well help solve many unexplained aspects of late prehistory—from the prevalence of a Sun God religion and the origin of the Olmecs, to the identity of the New England stone chamber builders and the first mappers of Antarctica.

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CROP CIRCLES: THE RESEARCH with Bert Janssen & Janet Ossebaard

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One of the most baffling mysteries of
today is crop circles—or should we say
"formations"—yet there are relatively few
videos that have been made on this intriguing
subject. This video, however, is an
excellent documentary about the crop forma-
tions and is produced by two experienced
researchers in the field (pardon the pun).

As well as stunning aerial shots of the forma-
tions (accompanied by rather nice music,
I might add), there is a wealth of fascinating
scientific detail. There is also good report-
ing on the anomalies associated with many
of these formations, e.g., snow melting the
next season in the same pattern as the forma-
tion that had been there in summer; thou-
sands of dead insects stuck to plants inside
some formations; equipment that fails to
work only inside formations; changes in the
plants; and some very interesting geometric
links amongst the formations considered not
hoaxed. My only lament is that the produc-
ers were unable to include the grand finale
crop formations found at Chilbolton in late
summer 2001. Still, a must-have video!

CONTACT

with Bert Janssen & Janet Ossebaard

Bert Janssen Productions (website
<http://www.bertjanssen.nl>), Netherlands,
2001 (45mins, PAL/VHS, NTSC/VHS)

Price: A\$40.00; NZ\$47.00; £17.00;
Euro 20.90; US\$19.95

Availability: **Australia/NZ/UK/Europe—**
NEXUS offices; **USA—AUP** website,
<http://www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com>

This is another excellent video documen-
tary, which recaps a tiny bit of *Crop
Circles: the Research* and launches into the
most mysterious part of the phenomenon of
late: those floating balls of light seen and
videotaped by more and more people. Even
I had no idea that so many people over the
last couple of years have witnessed and
filmed these strange balls of light.

This documentary also has stunning visu-
als of the formations, plus good music and
narration and lots of interesting interviews
with witnesses and fellow researchers. This
is another must-have video!

JOHN OF GOD

a film by Mark Thomas

Vision Thang Pty Ltd, Australia, 2002
(59mins, PAL/VHS, NTSC/VHS)

Price: A\$40.00; overseas, add A\$10 p&h
Availability: **Aust/NZ/UK/Europe/USA—**
Vision Thang Pty Ltd, PO Box 2007,
Clovelly NSW 2031, Australia, website
<http://www.visionthang.tv>

Every now and then I get an email asking
for an update on the "Miracle Man of
Brazil". His real name is João Teixeira da
Faria, but the people of Brazil call him João
de Deus (John of God).

For those who missed our feature article in
NEXUS 5/02, thousands of people from
across the globe have received healing
through John of God and many claim to
have had miraculous surgery performed on
them. From Wednesday to Friday, in two
sessions a day, the Casa de Dom Inácio
(House of Saint Ignatius Loyola) at
Abadiânia in Goiás state, Brazil, is open to
anyone who comes seeking healing—for
free. The video is filmed on location and
you basically get to see what goes on, what
you can expect if you turn up, and get a real
"feel" for the place. There are some pretty
good close-ups of João's surgical work, too!

Overall, I really enjoyed the video.

DOWSERS DOWN UNDER

with Alanna Moore

Geomantica Productions, 2002
(100mins, PAL/VHS)

Price: A\$45.00; overseas, add A\$10 p&h
Availability: **Aust/NZ/UK/Europe—**
Geomantica Productions, PO Box 929,
Castlemaine, Vic. 3450, Australia, website
<http://www.geomantica.com>

Thank goodness someone is continuing
research and promoting interest in the
fascinating practice of dowsing. Two and a
half decades ago, while I was growing up on
one of Tasmania's first "organic" farms, we
had one of Australia's most respected
dowsers, Rafe Thomas, visit for a few days.
This certainly opened my eyes to a few
more mysteries of the world, and I've kept a
healthy respect for dowsing ever since.

This video, made by Alanna Moore, is
really great. You get to see seven of
Australia's respected dowsers, including
Keith Levy, Sandy Griffin, Ross Henderson,
Bill Raines and Dave Kennett. As you will
see, dowsing is not just confined to finding
water. It is being used to determine soil
mineral/pH balances; to find precious ores
and stones; to detect and remedy "Earth
radiation" and geopathic stress; to select
locations for planting; and even to locate
graves! If you are interested in dowsing,
then may I strongly suggest you get hold of
this video; it is very informative.

REVIEWS



MUSIC

Reviewed by Richard Giles

CELLO BLUE

by David Darling

Hearts of Space, USA, 2001 (60mins)

Distributors: **USA**—Valley

Entertainment, tel (212) 974 9400; web-

site <http://www.hos.com>; **Australia**—

MRA Entertainment, tel (07) 3849 6020

David Darling is a renowned classically trained cello player. On *Cello Blue* he's used five-string electric cello to produce contemplative, atmospheric sounds of elegant musical harmony. There are beautifully layered tracks of tonal feasting interwoven with bird sounds from dawn sunscapes.

The album carries the listener along on folds of sound, providing an enriching, healing quality that doesn't come our way often.

BIG DRUM: SMALL WORLD

by Dhol Foundation

Shakti Records, USA, 2001 (64mins)

Distributors: **USA**—Real World, tel

(414) 961 8350; Shakti Records, website

www.shaktirecords.com; **UK**—Virgin,

tel 02089 646000; **Aust**—MRA

Entertainment, tel (07) 3849 6020

The dhol is a wooden two-headed drum that's held horizontally and played with beating sticks. It's one of the loudest drums imaginable, except for the huge Japanese taiko drums. Johnny Kalsi is the father of the Dhol Foundation in Britain, establishing the School for Dhol in 1991. He is also known for his ongoing work with Trans Global Underground and Afro-Celt Sound System. The music from *Big Drum: Small World* is a second-generation Asian drumming mix. It's exciting, mutable and organic music that's loud and enticing.

LATIN GROOVE

by various artists

Putumayo, USA, 2002 (43mins)

Distributors: **USA**—Putumayo World

Music, tel 1888 788 8629, website

<http://www.putumayo.com>; **UK**—

Pinnacle Imports, tel 01689 870622;

Aust—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020

Another release from Putumayo, this is cutting-edge Latin with electronica, funk and hip hop mixed with salsa, Cuban son music and cumbia. Bands include Los Aterciopelados from Colombia, Barrio Cubano from Martinique, Los Mocosos from San Francisco, El Conjunto Massalai from France, Ozomatli from Los Angeles, and Si*Se from New York. DJs include Sidestepper and Funkanzzenji. There's also music from Cuban collective Sin Palabras,

blending electronica with Cuban and Afro-Cuban dance styles. Crazy and exciting salsa-till-you-drop sounds.

THE AFRO-INDIAN PROJECT

by Ravi, Hossam Ramzy and Danny Thompson

ARC Music, UK, 2001 (63mins)

Distributors: **UK**—ARC Music, tel +44

(0)1342 328567, website [http://www.](http://www.arcmusic.co.uk)

[arcmusic.co.uk](http://www.arcmusic.co.uk); **USA**—ARC Music

Ravi has been a force in fusion world music for almost 20 years. He's travelled the world, giving concerts with the greats in many traditions. The Afro-Indian Project is the result of bringing together respected African and Indian musical talent. Among the excellent players here are: Bikram Ghosh, Ravi Shankar's tabla player; Danny Thompson, double bass genius; Tarun Bhattacharya, on santoor (hundred-stringed zither); Hossam Ramzy, noted percussionist; and Chandru Sheker, South Indian-style violinist. A musical treat.

QUIET DAYS

by various artists

Real Music, USA, 2001 (57mins)

Distributors: **USA**—Real Music, tel

(415) 331 8273, website [http://www.](http://www.realmusic.com)

[realmusic.com](http://www.realmusic.com); **Aust**—New World

Music, tel (02) 9565 4522

Many people today realise that good health and relaxation go hand in hand. The growth of the relaxation music industry in the last 10 years has been remarkable. Healing of the body and mind can be facilitated by a calm environment, ritual, movement and music. Real Music has assembled a selection of healing tracks from their "best of" healing sounds. Musicians include pianist Kevin Kern, keyboardist Michael Hoppé, flautist Tim Wheater and the duo 2002. There are several tracks from harpist Hilary Stagg, including the all-favourite Pachelbel's *Canon*. Excellent collection.

